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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 1976.

FOLLOWING ARE THE DAILY ACTIVITY REPORTS FROM THE
PRINCIPALS FOR WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 1976.
P, T, M, C DID NOT SUBMIT REPORTS.

HHARLES W. ROBINSON

I ATTENDED PRESIDENT FORD'S MEETING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER
FORLANI OF ITALY, WHO REAFFIRMED HIS GOVERNMENT'S COMMIT-
MENT TO SUPPORT NATO. HE ALSO ASSURED THE PRESIDENT
THAT HIS GOVERNMENT WAS DEDICATED TO FOLLOWING SOUND
ECONOMIC POLICIES AIMED AT OVERCOMING THEIR CURRENT
CRISIS BUT WOULD REQUIRE CONTINUED UNDERSTANDING AND
SUPPORT FROM THE UNITED STATES.

DURING THE DAY I TALKED ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS WITH BOB FRI,
REG BARTHOLOMEW AND OTHERS ON OUR ATTEMPTS TO COME TO
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AN ACCOMMODATION WITH SENATORS PERCY AND RIBICOFF RE-

GARDING THE NUCLEAR EXPORT LEGISLATION. WITH TIME GROWING SO SHORT I AM MORE AND MORE SKEPTICAL THAT WE WILL ACTUALLY HAVE ANY LEGISLATION REACH THE FLOOR OF EITHER HOUSE, BUT IF IT DOES, WE NOW HAVE SOMETHING WE CAN LIVE WITH AND IF IT DOESN'T, WE HAVE ESTABLISHED A SOUND RECORD OF COOPERATION IN THE QUEST FOR MEANINGFUL NON-PROLIFERATION LEGISLATION.

I MET WITH THE JAPANESE POLITICAL ANALYST KEI WAKAIZUMI WHO PREDICTED THAT MIKI WOULD HANG ON AS PRIME MINISTER FOR SOME TIME, THAT A GENERAL ELECTION WOULD BE HELD ON DECEMBER 5 IN WHICH THE LIBERAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY WOULD LOSE MORE SEATS BUT RETAIN A MAJORITY AND THAT THE LIBERAL DEMOCRATS WOULD LOSE THEIR MAJORITY IN THE UPPER HOUSE NEXT JUNE OR JULY. WAKAIZUMI SAID THAT IF THE LATTER COMES TO PASS, THE POLITICAL SITUATION IN JAPAN COULD BECOME QUITE UNSTABLE AND THE GOVERNMENT IS UNLIKELY TO TAKE ANY MAJOR INITIATIVES FOR SOME TIME TO COME.

ALSO DURING THE DAY: CHAIRED SMALL GROUP; MET WITH PRESS SPOKESMAN BROWN; ATTENDED LUNCHEON BY SIR JOHN MORETON FOR SIR MICHAEL PALLISER, PERMANENT UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE FCO.

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AFRICA -- AS I TOLD YOU, I HAD (PART OF) LUNCH WITH MICHAEL PALLISER. HE SHARES YOUR SENTIMENTS ABOUT THE NEED FOR MOVING PROCEDURALLY AND SHUTTING UP SUBSTANTIVELY ON RHODESIA. HE WILL BE BACK IN LONDON BY SUNDAY. I ALSO TALKED HALF A DOZEN TIMES WITH BOTHA ON A VARIETY OF ISSUES: TO TELL HIM THAT NUJOMA HAD HAD A PRESS CONFERENCE AND THAT IT WAS NOT ON ALL FOURS WITH WHAT YOU AND NUJOMA HAD AGREED HE SHOULD SAY; TO HEAR BOTHA COMPLAIN THAT THE BRITISH REALLY HAD NOT GIVEN THE RHODESIANS ENOUGH LEAD-TIME TO LOOK AT THE PRECISE TEXT OF THEIR CALL FOR THE CONFERENCE; TO CHECK MY TESTIMONY TO THE CLARK COMMITTEE TOMORROW WITH HIM TO AVOID ANY UNANTICIPATED AWKWARDNESSES, AND SO FORTH.

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COUNCIL ON INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC POLICY -- I TALKED ALL TOO LONG TO THIS WHITE HOUSE ARRANGED GROUP: -- ON DEBT, ON CIEC, ON COMMODITIES AND SO FORTH.

ROBINSON

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